

Some of our exchanges are exercising their wits in order to arrive at a just interpretation of the triumph of the Democratic party in Georgia. In our view it is not hard to construe the political result which has been received with so much satisfaction by the intelligent minds of the South. Georgia has returned to those legitimate influences that control States whenever a normal state of things prevails in communities. The brains and the virtue of the Commonwealth have reasserted their rightful sway, and the Empire State of the South places itself side by side with the Empire State of the North and returns to cheerful and wholesome self-government. The triumph of the Democratic party in Georgia is the triumph of the better and wiser elements of the community. The waves of Democratic triumph in North Carolina have touched us on the North, and now the waves of a kindred victory reach us on the South. Let us in South Carolina take heart from these neighboring triumphs. Let the earnest men of the minority keep their faith. We oppose the reigning party as at warfare with the moral and material interests of the State. We uphold the banner of a discreet but resolute opposition. We have had a lost cause in the past. In the future there is a cause to be gained by those who shall keep themselves unspotted from the corrupt and degrading influences that now prevail.

General McClellan has been employed by the city of New York to construct a system of docks for the metropolis, and already has he entered upon the work. The entire city on its water front is to be surrounded with a street 250 feet wide—upon which will appear, first, a sidewalk, then a broad wagon way, then an elevated street road, then the space for a line of massive warehouses, then the wharf proper, the water outside of which will be a smooth sea-wall of concrete, faced with granite; and from this the piers, sixty to eighty feet wide, with three abutments, will extend into the rivers and harbor. The project is both magnificent and costly, but there will be no want of liberality in carrying it out.

Mr. Clark Mills visited General Grant lately, for the purpose of getting from him an authentic account of the particulars attending the surrender of General Lee, to aid him in his proposed work of representation of the event in bass relief for his monument. On this point, the President said: "Lee came in with a flag of truce, to see on what terms I would receive his surrender. I stated the terms, and Lee said: 'Please reduce that to writing.' I took some manifold paper and made several copies and handed one to him, saying: 'There; I believe that is about as I talked.' Lee read it, signed it, and then passed it back to me, and I signed it. The manifold copies were then distributed to the several Generals. The transaction took place in front of my tent, under the tree, and with a little pine table between us." To the remark of Mr. Mills, that he had seen a picture representing the surrender as having taken place in a room, with a carpeted floor, and in the midst of the staff officers of both armies, General Grant replies that "that picture was got up to show off the aids." The real surrender took place as above stated.

FOUL MURDER, ROBBERY AND HOUSE BURNING.—On Tuesday night last, some negroes visited the house of Mr. Edward Smith, some ten miles East of this city, and knocked at the door, asking permission to enter and warm, (it being very cold,) and as Mr. Smith opened the door, one of the party fired on him, killing him instantly. Mrs. Smith, making her appearance, was knocked down and left as dead, when the fiends proceeded to rob the house of what money and valuables they could find. Mrs. S. having recovered, made her escape, and after the thieves had got what they went after, they set fire to the building and made their escape. The body of Mr. Smith was consumed with the burning building. The parties who perpetrated the deed have been arrested and lodged in jail. Mrs. Smith is so badly beaten that it is impossible for her to live long. We have heard no further particulars.

Jaurez having recently issued a pardon to all the Mexican "insurgents," Santa Anna, from his retreat in Nassau, N. Y., retorts in a manifesto to the world, protesting against being called an insurgent by the "monster" Jaurez, and declining to accept the pardon. He makes a bitter attack on Jaurez, and closes with: "I repeat—I repeat it with disgust—down with the monster."

FATAL ACCIDENT.—Thursday, while the shifting engine on the North Carolina Railroad was running to and fro, a colored man by the name of Green Williams fell from the tender, and was so badly crushed that it is impossible for him to live; his arms, legs and body being crushed almost to atoms.

The siege of Paris has added to the vocabulary. Thus we hear of "pigeon-cing" messages and "ballooning" dispatches.

PARTICULARS OF THE SHAGGING OF THE NICK WALL.

A survivor of the sunken steamer Nick Wall, who has reached Memphis, relates the following circumstantial details of the fearful disaster: The accident occurred about four miles below Waltham's Point. The majority of the passengers—about thirty—had retired; eight of us were sitting around the stove amusing ourselves, when we felt the severe shock and jumped up, some running one way, some another. I ran out the front door leading to the boiler deck, but immediately after getting out everything seemed quiet, and I turned round and walked back to the cabin. I suppose the time that elapsed from the time I left the cabin until I returned was about two minutes, when a crash came and the hurricane roof caved in, dashing barrels, wagons, plows, and numerous other articles, to the boiler-deck, where everybody had rushed who could get out of their state-rooms. I was thrown against the smoke stack, but by great exertions managed to extricate myself, and commenced climbing boxes and barrels, and was twice pulled back by the hair, and the third attempt I made some one caught me by the feet, and in the struggle to save themselves pulled my shoes off. Finally, I managed to gain the hurricane deck. There I saw no earthly chance of escape, as the roof was by this time crowded, and every one seeking something on which to float. The boat was by this time under water, nothing remaining out but the hurricane roof and pilot-house. I cannot give a description of the sight at that moment, for my blood runs cold when I think of it. The wreck was still floating down the river, and we did not know what moment she would sink. Women were screaming for their husbands, and children for their parents. Just as we thought all hopes were past, we saw the lights of a boat coming up the river, and every one that could shout for assistance. James Vandervoort, assistant pilot, lit a piece of paper, and showed it as signal of distress. In about fifteen minutes she made fast to the wreck, when all that were able got on board the Seminole. Everything was done by the captain, crew and passengers of the Seminole that could be done to extricate the dead and wounded. A nephew of Captain Poe, the commander of the Nick Wall, while endeavoring to escape from beneath the falling bales and boxes, was crushed, and finally fell into the river and drowned. A gentleman, with his wife, daughter and son-in-law—the two last named only married a few days—were among the dead. They intended to get off about one mile below.

CUMULATIVE VOTING IN ENGLAND.—The new school boards were elected in London on the 29th ult., in accordance with the terms of the education Act, and the London papers give a good deal of space to the proceedings, it being the first election ever held by ballot.

The election was for the choice of forty-eight members to compose the school board of London under the new education law; and, as at the election under the same law at Manchester the week before, every rate-payer of either sex was entitled to vote, and each voter had as many votes as there were members to be chosen in his or her district. The women rate-payers voted in considerable numbers, especially in three districts containing lady candidates. By the system of cumulative voting adopted, the minority had a chance to elect several candidates, and the result was the choice of several Catholics and a few ladies. As we have stated, each voter had as many votes as there were seats to be filled, being at liberty to concentrate all his votes on one candidate, or to distribute them as he pleased. In Manchester there were fifteen members of the school board to be elected, and each voter had fifteen votes at his disposal. Forty-four candidates went to the polls, and over 300,000 votes were given by 26,513 voters. Manchester is famous for two things—first, the fervor of its Protestantism; second, the number, organization and strength of its working classes. But at this election the two Catholics were brought in at the head of the poll, one of them receiving nearly 20,000 more votes than any Protestant candidate, and no working class candidate, of whom there were seven, being elected at all, the highest vote any of them received being 3,854, while one of them got only 165. The 90,868 votes given to the two Catholic candidates were polled by about 7,000 voters, who either "plumped" for the reverend gentleman who heads the list, or split their votes between him and the lawyer who is next to him in strength.

Romania, which is composed of the principalities of Wallachia and Moldavia, has a population of nearly 4,000,000, and under the provisions of the treaty of Paris, of 1856, has been governed by a prince and a central commission. It will be remembered that the occupation of these principalities by Russia was one of the main causes of the Crimean war, and their present declaration of independence, incontestably a Russian movement, tends to tangle more tightly the skein of European politics.

The printing office of the Warren Sentinel, at Front Royal, was consumed by fire on Christmas morning. We did not hear the particulars. Zion's Advocate, a semi-monthly Baptist paper, was issued from the same office. Elder John Clark is editor and proprietor of both papers.—Harrisonburg Commonwealth.

SAD DEATH OF A YOUNG BRIDE.—Mrs. Maggie B. Corcoran, wife of Mr. James Corcoran, who was only married on the 7th instant, in Lexington, Ky., died in Washington, yesterday, of typhoid fever, aged twenty-one years.

"What the country really wants," says the New York Herald, "are live issues and strong public men." But she can't hope to have many live issues until she has a good many dead public men.

MYSTERIOUS HERALDS.—To see a person suddenly enter the room of whom we were just speaking, is not likely to be called "a remarkable coincidence."

The fact is of common occurrence, and opens a wide field for speculative thoughts. We cannot suppose that the person comes because we have been speaking or thinking of him; but it really seems as though something heralds his approach, and from that mysterious cause we speak of him. What that "something" is, we must set down as one of the grand secrets of life—animal life—in its broadest sense, and not limiting the term to human life; simply because we really know nothing, or next to nothing, of what passes through the brain, or inner thinking principle, of any of our dumb fellow-creatures. "Talk of the devil, and he will appear," is the old saying, which mixes up a permanent philosophical fact with old monkish superstition. For it is not only the devil, or some very bad fellow, equally wicked, but with the equal "dignity," that is implicated; but the whole saying, if rationally modernized, might just as truthfully be rendered, "Talk of an angel," "Talk of a loved one," "Talk of a hated one," "Talk of one that all the present company are interested in"—and he'll appear! And the latter case is of the very commonest occurrence, unless, indeed, the dinner is "waiting for him," and then, by the perversity of things, he does not appear until you have ceased to think of him—in fact, "begun" without him.

But a more dissensive and perplexing mystery exists in the fact that we suddenly, and with no conscious cause, think of a person that we have not seen for years; know not where he is, if living; have no conscious object or interest in seeing him, nor any express wish for it. Yet the thought occurs, and again occurs; and you know not why, after all these long years, especially as there is no particular love, or regard, or admiration on your part towards that person, nor the least impression that he had any thought about you. Yet, after the lapse of weeks, or even months, suddenly we meet that very person, as if the thought or memory of him, or her, had only occurred the minute before. This is one of the many cases in which the interval of time goes for nothing and amounts to nothing, which, considered with reference to death, is at least consoling.

These things may all be regarded as fair and reasonable evidences that some mysterious and most intricate and subtle currents, or fluids, or electric lines, or "brain waves"—as the writer of the profoundly interesting paper, entitled "Dreams," might suggest—pervades the whole mental and sentient world, as it obviously does that of the physical world, so far as we at present know it.

THE LIBERAL HAND.—The Hon. W. M. Tweed, the great New York city Democratic leader, has sent a note, with a check for \$50,000, to Mr. J. Shandley, to be distributed "through a few earnest and practical citizens" among the poor of the seventh ward of New York. Sheriff O'Brien has just given 4,000 tons of coal to be distributed among the poor people of the twenty-first ward of New York. He has done similar actions for years.

THE GEORGIA ELECTION.—The Congressional delegation from Georgia will, from the best information we can gather, stand six Democrats to one Radical. The Democrats are sure of a majority of two, and probably more, in the next State Senate. Out of twenty-two Senators elected, the Democrats have chosen at least eighteen, which, with those holding over, will give them twenty-four out of the forty-four Senators.

FIRE.—A fire occurred about fifteen minutes of 12 o'clock, last night, in a two-story frame building in the rear of No. 33 Beaufain street. The premises were quickly consumed, with its effects. The property was owned by Alderman Richard Holloway, on which there was no insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.—Charleston News.

By the burning of the Pool building the Daily Democrat office and the flour mill, at Rochester, N. Y., \$150,000 were lost; insurance, \$75,000.

STOCK DIVIDEND AND STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.—A quarterly dividend of 6 p. c. Six Per Cent. on the capital stock of the Broad River Bridge Company, will be paid at the regular meeting of Stockholders on MONDAY NEXT, at 2 o'clock.

H. O. SHIVER, President and Treasurer.

COLUMBIA AGENCY, S. C. R. R. CO., COLUMBIA, S. C., December 30, 1870. On and after JANUARY 1, 1871, Freight on Cotton to and from Way Stations will be charged Thirty-Five (35) Cents per 100 Pounds. By order, E. H. BARNWELL, General Freight Agent.

High School, Greenville, S. C. JOHN B. PATRICK, Principal, and Instructor in Mathematics and English. GEORGE W. WALKER, A. B., Instructor in Classics. The Spring Session of this School will open on MONDAY, January 16, 1871, and continue twenty-four weeks. Tuition from \$18 to \$34 per session, payable in advance. For further information, apply to the Principal. Dec 30 '70

To the Public.—A Card. As the attorney of Messrs. B. M. Rhodes & Co. I will state that the various drafts (all of them) drawn on Messrs. Blakely & Gibbs, and accepted by them, made payable to B. S. Rhett & Sons, and by them endorsed to Messrs. B. M. Rhodes & Co., the consideration of which was "Rhodes' Super-phosphate," have been settled in full, without any abatement whatever.

The foregoing is given in answer to a previous publication on this subject by Messrs. Blakely & Gibbs, which appeared at various times in the Charleston Courier and Columbia Phoenix, in which a failure of consideration was alluded to. JOHN T. RHETT, Attorney of Messrs. B. M. Rhodes & Co., Columbia, S. C., Dec 31 '70. 327 Charleston Courier please copy.

THE "CITY OF DISASTERS."

The late terrible catastrophe in Richmond calls to mind the burning of the theatre on the 26th of December, 1811, when seventy victims, including the Governor of Virginia, perished in the flames; the conflagration which laid waste so large a portion of the town in 1865, just before the end of the war; the fall of a chain bridge in 1869; the loss of fifty-six lives at the fall of a part of the Capitol, and the immense destruction of property by the floods during the present year. The heroic endurance of the people of Richmond under all their afflictions merits no less sympathy than admiration. That unfortunate city is but too well entitled to the appellation of the "City of Disasters."—New York Herald.

Early in February, the day will come which, in Chinese reckoning, will begin another term of a thousand years. Two weeks' festivities are to be devoted, in California, to the celebration of the end of a cycle and the beginning of another. Little is known of the manner in which the division of time is connected with their cosmology and their religion.

A crowd of Detroit boys, inspired by dime novels, had organized a robber band, taken possession of an unoccupied barn and fitted it up as a "den," when they were summarily gobbled up.

Charleston is improving. A man was robbed on East Bay a few nights ago, and then carried to the dock and thrown overboard. Luckily, he fell in soft mud, and was rescued soon after.

"It's mity curis," said Mrs. Partington to Ike, while reading about the impending war in Europe, "that the Holstein creates such an ado in Yurpp, when it's such a common disease among the cattle in Amer'ky." The old lady, having delivered herself of the above, took a dose of LIPPMAN'S GREAT GERMAN BITTERS to cheer her depressed spirits, and resumed her knitting.

Lippmann's Bitters for sale by all druggists and dealers. Depot in Columbia, S. C., at GEIGER & McBRIDE'S Drugstore. S 18

Grain Sacks. GRAIN SACKS wanted. Apply to E. HOPE. Dec 30

Received To-Day. ANOTHER Coop of primo TURKEYS. EGGS, Butter and Fruit on hand. W. D. SCHEFFNER. Dec 30

LOOK OUT FOR NEW YEARS!!

ON SATURDAY EVENING, at 8 o'clock, will be raffled, FINE ORNAMENTED FRUIT and PLAIN CAKES. Also, a large variety of FANCY NOTIONS, all suitable for a New Year's Present, at Dec 30 2 HEISE'S CONFECTIONERY.

Just in Store, 200 POUNDS OF MINCE MEAT, 200 dozen EGGS, 200 pounds COUNTRY BUTTER, in lumps. For sale by MONTETH & FIELDING. Dec 29

THE NICKERSON HOUSE, COLUMBIA, S. C.

WILL not be closed on account of the death of the late Proprietor, WILLIAM A. WRIGHT, but will be carried on as heretofore, by his widow, Mrs. SARAH L. WRIGHT, and her son, WILLIAM C. WRIGHT. The friends of the late proprietor are invited to call as usual. SARAH L. WRIGHT, WM. C. WRIGHT. Dec 30

JUST RECEIVED. A FINE ASSORTMENT OF DOLLS, Toys, and other fancy articles for the little folks.

Also, A fresh selected stock of CANDIES, fancy and stick, and a large assortment of Fancy and Plain Pound Cakes.

Also, A fine lot of MEERSCHAUM PIPES, Cigars, &c., at KRAFF'S BAKERY, Main street. Dec 21

Just Received. 10 BBLs. FINE IRISH POTATOES. 10 bbls. New York Apples. 10 bbls. New York Onions. 4 bbls. Baltimore Pearl Grist. 4 bbls. Baltimore Corn Flour. 2 bbls Jersey Herrings.

For sale low. MONTETH & FIELDING, Dec 29 Auctioneers and Com. Merchants.

Sugar-Cured Hams. 200 CHOICE New York Sugar-Cured HAMS. 100 choice New York Sugar-Cured SHOULDERS. Just received and for sale, at reduced prices, by J. & T. H. AGNEW.

Hardy Solomon & Co., HAVING entered into the manufacture of BRICK and QUARRYING of GRANITE, and purchased of Messrs. Wright & Winn, one of their new patent Brick Machines, capable of turning out from 40,000 to 60,000 bricks per day, are now prepared to make contracts and furnish parties with any quantities of bricks desired. Apply to HARDY SOLOMON, at his store, or at the South Carolina Bank and Trust Company. Sept 3

For Sale. 25 HEAD of good SADDLE and HARNESS HORSES.

Also, FOUR MULE TEAM, with Wagon and Harness complete. Terms cash. Inquire of JOHN B. HUBBARD. Dec 13

Canned Goods. BLACKBERRIES, Green Corn, Cherries, Green Peas, Peaches, Beans, String Beans, White Peas, Tomatoes.

All the above at retail, for 25 cents per can. Also, Condensed Milk, Salmon, Oysters, Lima Beans, Pine Apple, Sardines, Pickles, Cateups, &c. For sale at very lowest prices, by J. & T. H. AGNEW. Dec 15

Cigars. GENUINE Imported CIGARS, together with a large supply of Domestic CIGARS. Prices to suit all. JOHN C. SEEGERS.

Mutilated Currency. TORN and defaced GREENBACKS, NATIONAL BANK MONEY and FIAT-CURRENCY bought at a small discount at THE CITIZEN'S SAVINGS BANK. Oct 23 A. G. BRENNER, Cashier

Fire Crackers. 50 BOXES Gold Chop FIRE CRACKERS; for sale low. E. HOPE. Dec 15

Fresh Eggs. 400 DOZ. FRESH EGGS, for sale by E. HOPE. Dec 21

A WONDERFUL FAMILY.

There is on Col. Daniel Ammen's farm, near this town, an old colored woman, about 100 years old, who has living and in the same house a daughter, grand-daughter, great-grand-daughter, and great-great-grandchildren. One of her grand-daughters is the mother of seventeen children. There are thus in one house five generations of people—one great-great-grandmother, one great-grandmother, and one grand-mother. One mother and a number of children sprung from the old woman, who, though nearly blind, is sprightly and sensible. [Fincastle (Va.) Herald.]

A company has been formed in New York which will seriously interfere with the manufacture of American shoes. Contracts have been made with shoe manufacturers in Vienna to make "American brogans," similar to those of Massachusetts manufacture, from Austrian leather, and ship them to New York. They will cost per pair, duty paid, about twenty-two cents less than American shoes.

A colored man, named Logan Ferguson, was killed by a man named Jessie Chisholm, about six miles from Charleston, on Saturday night last.

AN EXTENDED POPULARITY.—"BROWN'S BROCCOLI TROCHES" have been before the public many years. Each year finds them in new localities in various parts of the world. The Troches are pronounced universally superior to all other articles used for similar purposes. For relieving Coughs, Colds and Throat Diseases, the Troches have been proved reliable. D 31

DISSOLUTION.—The firm of SWYGERT & SENN, and R. D. SENN & CO., was dissolved on the 20th instant, by the withdrawal of Mr. S. D. Swygert. R. D. Senn and R. D. Senn will pay all demands against the firm; and all persons indebted, either by note or open account, will make payment to them. R. D. SENN, S. D. SWYGERT, D. L. SENN.

NOTICE.—The undersigned, having purchased the entire interest of Mr. S. D. Swygert in the late firm of Swygert & Senn, and R. D. Senn & Co., will continue the GENERAL GROCERY and also COMMISSION BUSINESS, at the same location, in the name of R. D. SENN & SON. All persons indebted to the old firm will please make prompt payment to us. R. D. SENN & SON. Dec 28

FINAL NOTICE.—I hereby give notice that I will apply to Hon. William Hutson Wigg, Judge of Probate, at his office in Columbia, on 7th January, 1871, at 10 A. M., for final discharge as Executor of estate of Priscilla Thompson, deceased. Dec 8 413 W. H. BROWN.

WE HAVE THIS DAY APPOINTED Mr. JOHN C. SEEGERS the sole Agent for the sale of our WHISKIES in Columbia, S. C. JOHN GIBSON'S SON & CO. PHILADELPHIA, November 19, 1870 Dec 1

STOCKS, BONDS and COUPONS bought and sold by D. GAMBRIEL, Broker. Nov 23 6mo

"GOOD," "BETTER," "BEST."—New brands Smoking Tobacco, to be obtained at the POLLOCK HOUSE. Dec 24

OLD BANK BILLS and MUTILATED CURRENCY bought and sold by Nov 23 6mo D. GAMBRIEL, Broker.

NOTICE.—The undersigned have formed a Co-partnership, and will be known as E. W. SEIBEL & CO. They represent some of the best FIRE and LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES in the United States. We propose to be general Land Agents, and will sell or purchase Real Estate anywhere in South Carolina, especially in Columbia. We will prosecute claims before the Legislature, and the renewal of lost bonds or other papers. Persons wishing to sell or buy Real Estate will do well to communicate with us at Columbia. We have several handsome places for sale. Office at Mike Hoke's Clothing Store. E. W. SEIBEL, S. J. B. EZZELL. Dec 2

Columbia Male Academy, Classical and Mathematical School.

HUGH S. THOMPSON, Principal, Instructor in Mathematics, French and English Branches. J. WOOD DAVIDSON, A. M., Instructor in Latin and Greek Classics. JOHN T. McBRIDE, Assistant. The exercises will be resumed on MONDAY, January 2, 1871. Pupils prepared for admission into any College or University, or for the practical pursuits of life. Payments monthly, in advance. For further particulars, apply to the Principal, at the Academy, or by letter. Dec 29

School Notice. MRS. S. C. GOODWYN will re-open her School for girls on the 2d of January. Dec 24 67

Cokesbury School, WILL CHRISTIE BENNET, Rector. NEXT SESSION begins MONDAY, January 16, 1871. FEES for Session: \$12.50, \$20.00, \$25.00, in advance. Dec 22, 12

School Notice. MISS M. A. BUE will resume the duties of her SCHOOL on MONDAY next, January 2, 1871. School-room on corner Marion and Plain streets. Dec 23

School Notice. THE undersigned will open a SCHOOL for Boys, at the Brick Chapel, on Bull street, between Richland and Laurel streets, on TUESDAY, January 10. Rates of Tuition per month, in the Classical Department, \$7.00; English, \$5.50; Primary, \$4.00—payable strictly in advance. G. H. BARNWELL.

REFERENCES.—Hon. R. W. Barnwell and Dr. John T. Darby, Professors in the South Carolina University; Col. F. W. McMaster, Attorney at Law; Col. L. D. Childs, President National Bank. Dec 28

GRAIN! GRAIN! GRAIN! W. J. WHITFIRE, GREENVILLE, S. C., DEALER in GRAIN and COUNTRY PRODUCE of all kinds. Will pay prompt attention to all orders entrusted to his care. This is a rare opportunity for Planters and others living along the line of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad, to procure their supplies at first cost. I only ask a fair trial, and guarantee satisfaction. Nov 24 3mo

For Sale, 3,600 ACRES of LAND in Barnwell, on the Edisto. 750 ACRES in Kershaw—in lots to suit. HOUSE and LOT in Columbia—\$12,000. 1 House in this city, \$5,000. HOUSE and thirteen acres LAND, near the city—\$3,000. Apply to JOHN HUBBARD, Attorney at Law and Real Estate Agent, Sept 25

LIST OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. E. H. Barnwell—Notice. R. C. Shiver—Stock Dividend. John T. Rhett—To the Public. High School, Greenville, S. C.

SPECIAL ATTENTION given to the collection of Commercial Paper, Interest on State and Railroad Bonds and Stocks, and Conversion of State Securities, by D. GAMBRIEL, Broker. Nov 23 6mo

Local Items.

Post Office Hours.—Northern mail opens 4.30 P. M.; closes 11 A. M. Charleston and Greenville, open 4.30 P. M.; close 5.30 A. M. Western, opens 12.30 P. M.; closes 2.45 P. M. Charleston, evening, opens 8 A. M.; closes 6 P. M. Office open Sundays from half-past 4 o'clock to half-past 5.

PHENIXIANA.—The price of single copies of the PHENIX is five cents. If carriers charge more it is a swindle. They can be obtained at that price at the office.

The Christmas number of Old and New—published by Roberts Brothers, 143 Washington street, Boston—is out, under the title of the Christmas Locket. It has not been the habit of American magazines to issue Christmas numbers, but certainly none of the English publishers who have tried it so many years, have excelled this year this first experiment—unless, indeed, illustrations be taken into account, this Locket having none.

Capt. Leaphart has furnished us a handsomely illuminated calendar—each month on a separate sheet. It is gotten up by the Home Insurance Company, of New York—of which the Captain is agent.

We have received from the publisher a copy of Miller's Planters' and Merchants' Almanac for 1871—the fifty-fourth year of its publication.

Remember the raffle of magnificent jewelry to come off this evening, at Mr. Diercks' saloon. A number of cakes and fancy articles are also to be disposed of at Capt. Heise's.

The mails went looking after in this part of the world, and we ask the attention of the proper officials to it. Mails are left over at stations, or carried in wrong directions constantly. The Augusta and Western mails failed yesterday.

The year 1870 will be buried to-night, at 12 o'clock.

Book and job printing of every kind attended to promptly at the PHENIX office. Every variety of material on hand.

B. M. Rhodes, Esq., the well-known "super-phosphate man," paid us a short visit yesterday. He is on his annual tour through the South.

The Nickerson House, as will be seen by an advertisement, is to be continued by Mrs. Wright and her son. We are confident the old patrons of the hotel will continue to make the "Nickerson" their stopping place.

The raffle for the "big cake" will come off at Messrs. Duhme & Co.'s bakery, on Plain street, this evening, at 8 o'clock. Several small cakes will also be raffled for.

The best way to secure a legacy is to go at it with a will.

Husbands are now realizing that their wives are dear creatures, and that the more they go a shopping the dearer they get.

Beauty is a great thing; but beauty of garments, house and furniture, is a very tawdry ornament compared with domestic love. All the elegance in the world will not make a home. A spoonful of real hearty love is worth more than whole shiploads of furniture, and all the gorgeousness that all the upholsters of the world could gather together.

Col. C. R. Smith, of Ohio, who has been engaged in farming during the past few years in the South, arrived in Columbia, on Sunday last, on a visit to his relatives, and stopped at the Exchange Hotel. He was taken ill, and yesterday died suddenly from a hemorrhage. His body will be forwarded to Ohio this morning.

HOTEL ARRIVALS, December 30.—Columbia Hotel—A. P. Nott, S. C.; G. P. Parley, Burnwell; A. McMoreland, W. H. Evans, H. C. Mazyck, Charleston; J. S. Mitchell, Greene Co.; W. Wilkins, New York; W. D. Kirkland, Spartanburg; T. H. Schumpert, W. C. Gillam, Newberry; O. W. Sadler, S. C.; J. B. Latta, Wilmington; E. R. Hubby, New York; Mrs. Neville, Anderson; W. A. Bradley, Augusta; B. H. Broderick, J. E. Leaphart, Lexington.

Nickerson House—J. L. Denton, Charlotte; W. Brandt, P. C. R. R.; John R. Poirn, Rhode Island; E. B. Gibbs, U. S. A.; M. A. Hull, New York; George E. Boggs, Charleston; W. A. Hamblin, N. C.; L. H. McIntosh, W. E. Bird, Miss Yancey, Georgia; T. M. Osborn, Florida; M. H. Alberger, Washington; Dr. W. H. Healt, W. T. Smith, S. C.; A. J. Jones, Savannah; M. Beuhm, Rochester; J. T. Williams, S. C.; M. M. Wolfe, Charlotte; W. R. Williams, Augusta; D. M. Willis, New York; F. D. Bush, Greenville; Dr. J. A. Barker, Edgefield.

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